realise the desired intention for which they have been recruited on earlier occasions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Scout Battalions such as Ladakh Scouts, Garhwal Scouts, Kumaon Scouts and Dogra Scouts are regular battalions forming part of the Indian Army. The personnel for such battalions are recruited locally, to capitalise on their knowledge of language and familiarity with terrain and are deployed in respective regions along our Northern borders.

Induction of Lakshya in IAF

2399. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenously developed Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) "Lakshya" has been successfully fired from the Interim Test Range (ITR);

(b) whether this aircraft has now been included in our Air Force; and

(c) whether this remote controlled aircraft is being used for imparting training to the pilots?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indigenously designed and developed PTA — Lakshya has been successfully test fired from the ITR. Five Lakshyas have been delivered for induction in Indian Air Force (IAF) as per their requirements.

(c) This remotely controlled aircraft is designed for training of missile and gun crews for firing practice against a simulated enemy aircraft.

Construction of roads by BRO in Uttaranchal

†2400. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.